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Three Names Are Found In List of Advisers

Three persons highly placed in our government continue to appear in news concerning our conflict with Red Russia.

One of them is Secretary of State Dean Rusk; one is CIA Director Allen Dulles; the third is Dr. Walt Whitman Rostow, one of President Kennedy's advisers.

News of these men to a large degree is connected with America's international relations, and so often speaks of deliberations on which course of action the United States should take.

One noteworthy fact about this trio is that news reports on more than one occasion have found these men urging a soft course toward the Kremlin, opposing positive action in almost any form.

A case in point is reported by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott, whose column appears Monday through Friday on this page.

President Kennedy has sent his military adviser, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, to make an estimate of the South Viet Nam plan for countering the Communist Viet Cong.

The Allen-Scott report labelled his mission among the "best kept" secrets in that Gen. Taylor is to study the feasibility of a plan South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem has presented.

That plan is for the sending of highly trained South Viet Nam guerilla fighters (of which South Viet Nam has a large number) into North Viet Nam to carry the war into that communist region and disrupt the Communist Viet Cong offensive which is reported building against South Viet Nam.

This plan, so the report goes, would reduce the need for American troops, letting the United States get by with supplying materials for Viet Nam forces.

At this point, the Allen-Scott report brings in the three men mentioned above — each of them opposing the offensive proposed by South Viet Nam, each of them urging that matters be left alone.

Their excuses are plausible, of course. After all, they are educated men of experience who know their objections must have some appearance of reason.

So they are reported to say, among other things, that a South Viet Nam offensive would encourage Red China to send "volunteers" into the fight.

So? Must South Viet Nam just sit with folded hands and bear the murderous blows which threaten its very existence?

We have pledged to protect South Viet Nam from communist occupation. Are we to take that out in talking again, while preventing the Vietnamese from doing anything for their own protection?

Dean Rusk, Allen Dulles, Walt Whitman Rostow are men in high positions in our government. They are men whose advice must weigh heavily with President Kennedy.

Watch how often they are reported opposing the United States taking positive, aggressive action against the international communist conspiracy.